

Universities Week criticized

OTTAWA (CUP) — Universities across the country will be putting on a happy face, Oct. 2-8, during National Universities Week. But student and faculty associations say the publicity and hype is misleading the public.

While publicized as a celebration, and receiving warm support

from governments, Universities Week avoids the issue of underfunding and its effect on the quality of post-secondary education, says Diane Flaherty, executive officer of the Canadian Federation of Students.

Amid the advertisements, displays, public activities and

competitions, all geared to show the beneficial role universities play in society, CFS has plans to complete the public picture.

The federation is encouraging its member institutions to organize "cutback tours" during the week. Local press, MPs and administrators will be taken on a campus tour and shown the visible

effects of underfunding and have an opportunity to hear students talk about the quality of their laboratory equipment.

The Canadian Association of University Teachers co-authored a letter with CFS to student and commercial media, criticizing the Week's activities. "The Week's plans are lopsided in the sense

they're only looking at the accomplishments of Canadian universities and not looking at the realities that exist," Flaherty said.

"In one sense drawing attention to universities can't be totally bad," Flaherty said, "but it's misleading the public."

Prime Minister Trudeau is expected to join those premiers who have proclaimed the week. The obvious cooperation with government worries Flaherty.

"It's a questionable role for administrators to be playing when those people should be lobbying the government for more money," she said.

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President a thief?

OTTAWA (CUP) — The Carleton student society president participated in stealing a full-size model of the Cruise missile from an Ottawa peace camp, witnesses say.

Warren Kinsella, elected president of the Carleton University Student Association last spring on an anti-politics platform, would not comment on the incident.

But Kinsella's roommate Chris Benner, who also took part in the theft, confirmed the president's involvement.

Benner laughed off the episode and said he was ready to steal the 20-foot replica again. "That's what it's there for," he said.

But peace activists failed to see the humor.

The theft was a "silly prank that was ridiculous and childish," said peace organizer Roy McFarlane, who added he had lost all respect for student government.

"We're dealing with real issues and real problems here and when a member of student government does something like this it's not worth even thinking about them," McFarlane said.

The model was stolen during the night of Sept. 14, according to RCMP special constable J.H. Charron. He said RCMP constables guarding Parliament Hill, where the model is stationed, did not notice the theft.

Bob Maitland, a member of the peace group organizing an Oct. 22 march, said he found the model beside the jello tank at Carleton campus. Its wings had been clipped off and "Nuke the Lefties" was scrawled on the side.

"This doesn't keep with CUSA's role or responsibilities," said Maitland. "Especially in light of the executive's election promise to stay out of politics."

CUSA councillor Katy Came said Kinsella planned the theft for a week. "They did it for publicity," she said.

At a recent conference for student peace activists in Toronto, Carleton delegates complained the student government has deliberately hampered organizing efforts.

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